

PEI LEARNING PARTNERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Learning is a life-long endeavour. The Learning Partners Advisory Council will help shape a culture of learning on PEI to advance the prosperity and quality of life of all Islanders. This council will advise the Premier on policies, programs and strategies needed to support learners throughout their lives.

NEW PEI LEARNING PARTNERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

No society is going to see the development required for prosperity unless the strongest system possible is in place to educate youth. Achieving learner excellence will require all hands on deck. The council's first task is to support a process to renew the philosophy, vision and goals for PEI's education system. This process is to be led by the Premier, Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture, and Department staff. The PEI Learning Partners Advisory Council will be co-chaired by the Premier and community representatives, the initial being UPEI professor Bill Whalen, who served as co-chair of the Education Governance Commission.

THE ROLES OF THE COUNCIL ARE TO:

- identify priorities, strategic directions and targets for learning and learners;
- identify areas and opportunities for innovation in learning;
- shape public policy on education and learning;
- identify opportunities for integration of government services (e.g. mental health and addictions) to support learners;
- foster a culture/attitude of innovation and entrepreneurship among Island youth;
- develop a vision and plan to position education and learning as the pillars to support prosperity.

THE PEI LEARNING PARTNERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL ALSO ADDRESS BROADER ISSUES BEYOND K-12 EDUCATION, INCLUDING DEVELOPING STRATEGIES ON HOW WE CAN:

- Increase the level of skilled workers in the general population
- Support the learning needs of older workers to support reintegration into the workforce
- Improve literacy and numeracy within workplaces
- Support for seasonal workers

THE PEI LEARNING PARTNERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL INCLUDE 10 EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES AND 10 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES.

The education partners will include representatives from:

- PEI Home and School Federation
- La Commission scolaire de langue française
- PEI Teacher's Federation,
- Holland College
- UPEI
- And more

THESE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

- Youth groups
- Groups that support those with disabilities and special needs
- Culture groups
- Newcomers
- Business representatives
- And more

TO PROMOTE A CROSS-GOVERNMENT APPROACH, *EX OFFICIO* MEMBERS WILL INCLUDE

- Deputy Minister, Education, Early Learning and Culture
- Deputy Minister, Family and Human Services
- Deputy Minister, Workforce and Advanced Learning



“No (education) system in the world has progressed without strong rapport between the government and its teachers and principals.”

- Michael Fullan, education scholar and special advisor to the Premier of Ontario